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1. Immediately following military occupation of an area, mass meetings of various social groups in the community are held, at which the greatest possible attendance is sought. At these meetings the Communists use a variety of techniques to stimulate the active interest of the younger elements in these groups, and opportunities are offered to these younger persons to enlist for political and other work. Those who offer their services are inspected, and the best among them are chosen for training. This training is not long, and only sufficient to give the trainee the minimum of technical skill needed for elementary propaganda work, organizational work of one kind or other, tax collection, and the like. Recruiting, selection, training and ultimate use of these persons is carried out by very small groups of trusted Party members.
2. Once the recruited political workers are trained, they are put to work organizing the whole population. One of their principal functions is to take a detailed census and to set up a system for the surveillance of individuals. They form the link between the Chinese Communists and the population as a whole.
3. As a third stage in consolidation of control, the economic life of the community is organized under public corporations which fix prices and carefully control distribution, with the result that the individual must depend on state organs for the necessities of life.
4. When the census has been made, adequate arrangements for individual surveillance completed, and when the individual is dependent on the state for obtaining food and other necessities, the period of military government comes to an end. A new, popularly elected government is then formed. It is planned that such elections will be held in Canton in the early winter of 1950.

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